

# Border Eagle

Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas ... Together we 'XL'



## Newsline

A glance at news affecting Laughlin



### Pilot awards

The graduation awards for Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 99-15 were as follows:

**1st Lt. Gregg C. Beeber:** Academic Training Award.

**Capt. Ira C. Cline:** Distinguished Graduate; Outstanding Officer; Order of Daedalians AETC Commander's Trophy.

**2nd Lt. Trena Emerson:** Daedalian Award; Academic Training Award; Distinguished Graduate; Order of Daedalians AETC Commander's Trophy.

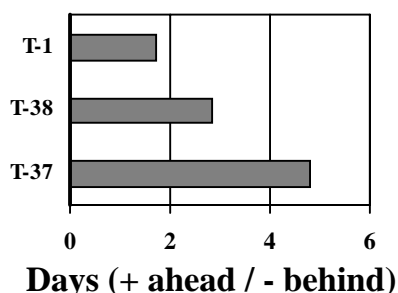
**2nd Lt. Mark A. Orek:** Flying Training Award.

**2nd Lt. Charles T. Whitehead II:** Flying Training Award.

### 47 FTW mission status

(As of Sept. 28)

#### Student Timeline



Sorties flown in FY 99:  
71,056

Hours flown in FY 99:  
106,579.8

Pilot wings earned in FY 99:  
319

Pilot wings earned since 1963:  
11,361

## Air Amistad '99 kicks off Oct. 17

*Wings of Blue* parachutists open display of current and vintage military aircraft

By Amanda Stewart

Public affairs volunteer

The base will open its gates to the public at 9 a.m. Oct. 17, to welcome everyone to Air Amistad '99.

Aside from the obvious entertainment, the air show will give the community a look at what the Air Force is all about.

The event will feature an array of fighters, bombers and trainers, along with historical aircraft, in flying demonstrations and static displays.

The Wings of Blue, the U.S. Air Force Academy's world-renowned aerial demonstration parachute team, is scheduled to start the day's performances. The cadet parachuting team has dominated the National Collegiate Parachuting Championships for 23 out of the last 31 years, including a first place overall in '98. The Wings of Blue performs thousands of demonstrations at professional sports events, college bowl games, air shows and golf tournaments.

Twelve parachutists exit the jump aircraft in four separate maneuvers at altitudes ranging from 4,000 to 10,000 feet. The team uses colored smoke to help spectators see the demonstrations. The show will have five passes: wind drift indicators, canopy show, barber pole show, high-low show, and bomb burst show.

During the first pass, the jumpmaster will drop wind drift indicators directly over the target at an altitude of 2,500 feet, the lowest point at which jumpers will open their canopies. The jumpmaster watches the WDIs to see where they land, then determines the exact point at which the jumper should exit the aircraft to land in the target area.

The second pass will be the canopy show, where four parachutists exit the jump aircraft from 4,000 feet. The jumpers will free fall for about 10 seconds before deploying their parachutes. They will use high performance square parachutes, which have a vertical descent rate of two to 16 feet per second and can reach forward speeds of up to 30 miles per hour.

The barber pole show is the third pass, where two parachutists exit the aircraft at 7,000 feet. The jumpers will come together in mid-air and begin to spin, by a slight movement of one arm or leg, or by dipping one shoulder. While they are spinning colored smoke each are carrying forms a barber pole. At 4,000 feet they will move away from each other and then release

their parachutes at 2,500 feet.

Then comes the high-low show, where two parachutists exit the plane from 10,000 feet. One will get into the basic spread-eagle position, which will allow him or her to fall as slowly as 85 miles per hour. The second jumper will go into the headfirst dive, allowing the parachutist to reach speeds in excess of 200 mph. They will each deploy their parachutes at 2,500 feet. There

**See 'Air show,' page 11**



### Command of wing to change Thursday

Col. Winfield Scott III will assume command of the 47th Flying Training Wing from Col. Dan R. Goodrich in a 10 a.m. ceremony at Hangar 4 here Thursday.

Maj. Gen. Steven R. Polk, 19th Air Force commander, will be the presiding officer.

Scott comes to Laughlin from Yokota Air Base, Japan, where he was the 374th Operations Group commander.

Goodrich leaves Laughlin for Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, to serve as inspector general, Air Education and Training Command.

### Chapel services move

Due to problems with the air conditioning compressors in the base chapel, Catholic and Protestant services this weekend will be held at the Fiesta Center.

The services and their times follow:

■ Saturday – Catholic Mass, 5 p.m.

■ Sunday – Catholic Mass, 9:30 a.m.; Protestant general worship, 11 a.m.

For more information, contact the chapel at 5111.

## t inside the scoop

### Commander corner ...

Lt. Col. Barbara Stewart, wing inspector general, discusses the role of responsibility in everyday activity.

**Page 3**

### Farewell message ...

Col. Dan R. Goodrich, 47th Flying Training Wing commander, reflects on his time at Laughlin.

**Page 2**

### CDC playground ...

The Laughlin Child Development Center welcomes the completion of vast improvements to its playgrounds.

**Page 5**

## Commander looks back on his time at Laughlin; remembers challenges met, improvements made

From the fires in Mexico, to birds at our airfield, to the devastating flood of '98, we have been through a great deal together. I sincerely want to thank each and every member of the wing for your support and dedication. We've done great things here over the past 22 months to make this base better for everyone. The CDC has been renovated, providing our children with top quality child care, the base housing renovation project is finally complete, we are starting construction on a new control tower and base operations complex, and we are about to start a Youth Center renovation. We accomplished these and many more projects together, as a

team, despite many setbacks.

Laughlin Air Force Base holds a special place in our hearts. Sherry and I have enjoyed our time here and are truly going to miss our Laughlin family and the Del Rio community. Good luck to everyone – and we appreciate all the support you have given. It has been our pleasure to be associated with such an outstanding group of people. Always remember that "Together, We XL."

*Dan R. Goodrich*

**Col. Dan R. Goodrich**

47th Flying Training Wing commander



Photo by Airman Brad Pettit

### Last flight

Sherry Goodrich greets her soaking wet husband, Col. Dan R. Goodrich, 47th Flying Training Wing commander, after his last flight here Monday.



Photo by Senior Airman Mike Hammond

### Puppy prayer

Chaplain (Capt.) Larry Bailey, 47th Flying Training Wing Catholic chaplain, extends a blessing to a small dog Monday while its young owners look on. The blessing of the animals was done in honor of the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, for whom the base Catholic parish is named. About 10 Laughlin pet owners brought out an assortment of cats and dogs to be blessed in the ceremony.

## Seatbelts saved our lives

**By Senior Airman Jennifer Nalls**  
47th Services Division

I have a little story to share with you. Last summer, on June 6, two airmen and I were visiting my best friend in San Antonio. It was about 7 p.m. and we were on Loop 1604. We were going 55 mph through a construction zone. We were well rested and had not consumed any alcohol. About five minutes from my friend's house, going around one of the many curves on

the loop, I saw a car coming straight at me in my lane. I swerved to avoid hitting the other car head-on, hit a pothole and lost control of the car. The car hit a guardrail and rolled over about three times. We were lucky the car landed right side up. We were taken to Wilford Hall Medical Center to get checked out. One of the airmen and I were released the same evening. I suffered a sprained wrist

and the other airman hardly had a scratch on him. The third airman was held overnight for observation and was released the next morning.

I count my blessings because God was surely with us – and I'm also very thankful that we were all wearing our

***Please buckle up every time  
you get into your car...  
seatbelts saved our lives and  
they will help save yours!***

seatbelts. Had it not been for that, only God knows what might have happened. I ask everyone to please be careful when driving anywhere. Even if you're doing everything right, it does not mean an accident won't happen. Conditions do not have to be bad or dangerous for the road to be hazardous, so please buckle up every time you get into your car. Accidents can and will happen, even with no extenuating circumstances.

Seatbelts saved our lives and they will help save yours!

(Courtesy, wing safety office)

### Actionline Call 298-5351

If your question relates to the general interest of the people of Laughlin, the question and answer may also be printed in the *Border Eagle*. Before you call the Actionline, please try to work the problem out through the normal chain of command or directly with the base agency involved.

Thanks for your cooperation and I look forward to reading some quality ideas and suggestions.

*Dan R. Goodrich*

**Col. Dan R. Goodrich**

47th Flying Training Wing commander



AAFES	298-3176
Accounting and Finance	298-5204
Civil Engineer	298-5252
Civilian Personnel	298-5299
Commissary	298-5815
Dormitory manager	298-5213
Hospital	298-6311
Housing	298-5904
Inspector General	298-5638
Legal	298-5172
Military Personnel	298-5073
Public Affairs	298-5988
Security Forces	298-5900
Services	298-5810
Social Actions	298-5400
FWA hotline	298-4170

**C**all: Yes, I am just wondering when they are going to open the base shooting range again, twice a month, for all who are interested in shooting their personal weapons? I have

not done it in a while and I was just wondering. I would like to stay anonymous. Thank you.

**R**esponse: The base firing range is open to the "public" on the first Saturday of each

month from 10 a.m. to noon. To ensure manning and mission requirements are met, contact the 47th Security Forces Squadron at 5466 to coordinate firing 48 hours in advance.

There are also two other fir-

ing ranges in the local area: one is Humphrey's Gun Shop at 124 E. Garfield, Del Rio. There is a one time annual fee for use of this range. For more information, call 775-1983. The other one is Fort Clark Springs Asso-

ciation, Inc., in Bracketville. Their range is open to the public the first and third Saturday of each month for a small fee.

For more information, call 563-2024.



## Border Eagle

Col. Dan R. Goodrich  
**Commander**  
1st Lt. Angela O'Connell  
**Public Affairs officer**  
Senior Airman Mike Hammond  
**Editor**  
Airman Bradley Pettit  
**Staff writer**  
(Flag design: Staff Sgt. Marc Barnes,  
7th Bomb Wing, Dyess AFB, Texas.)

Published every Friday, except the first week in January and the last week in December, by the Del Rio News-Herald, a private firm in no way connected with the U. S. Air Force, under exclusive written contract with the 47th Flying Training Wing, Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas. This commercial enterprise Air Force newspaper is an authorized publication for members of the U.S. military services. Contents of the Border Eagle are not necessarily the official views of, or endorsed by, the U.S. Government, the Department of Defense, or the Department of the Air Force. Photographs herein are official U.S. Air Force photos, unless otherwise indicated. The appearance of advertising in this publication, including inserts or supplements, does not constitute endorsement by the Department of Defense, the Department of the Air Force or Del Rio Publishing Company of the products or services advertised. Everything advertised in this publication shall be made available for purchase, use, or patronage without regard to race, color or religion, sex, national origin, age, marital status, physical handicap, political affiliation or any other nonmerit factor of the purchaser, user or patron. Editorial content is edited, prepared and provided by the Public Affairs Office of the 47th Flying Training Wing.

### Deadlines, Advertising

News for the Border Eagle should be submitted to the 47th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs Office, Bldg. 338, Laughlin AFB, TX, Ext. 5262. **Copy deadline is close of business each Thursday the week prior to publication.** Advertising should be submitted to the Del Rio News-Herald, 2205 Bedell, Del Rio, TX, 774-4611. Advertising should be submitted by 4 p.m. each Friday. Submissions can be E-mailed to: michael.hammond@laughlin.af.mil or regional.woodruff@laughlin.af.mil Visit Laughlin's website at <http://www.lau.aetc.af.mil/>

***"Excellence –  
not our goal, but  
our standard."  
– 47 FTW motto***

## Safety Stats

As of Sept. 30  
(Fiscal Year)

	'99	Total '98
On-duty mishaps	5	11
Off-duty mishaps	12	7
Traffic mishaps	2	4
Sports & Rec mishaps	6	3
Fatalities	0	2

# Commander

o  
r  
n  
e  
r



By Lt. Col.  
**Barbara Stewart**  
47 FTW  
inspector general

## Responsibility essential to being the best

The other day, I had reason to peruse the "Little Blue Book," the book on U.S. Air Force Core Values. Reading it caused me to reflect on how the values espoused in that book affect each of us in the Air Force.

One of the traits the book talked about was responsibility. It states "No person of integrity is irresponsible; a person of true integrity acknowledges his or her duties and acts accordingly."

Each of us have responsibilities. For some, like a wing commander, those responsibilities are huge. For others, they may seem so small as to be insignificant. It is those seemingly insignificant responsibilities that I want to focus on, and hopefully show how those insignificant responsibilities – when *not* performed – cause significant problems in our Air Force.

Now, some of you are probably sitting out there thinking, "How can something insignificant cause a problem?" Well, let's think about it. Each of us has the responsibility to follow rules. In fact, the blue book states "To serve is to do one's duty and our

duties are most commonly expressed through rules... good professionals understand that rules have a reason for being, and the default position must be to follow those rules unless there is a clear, operational reason for refusing to do so." That may not seem like a significant responsibility – more like common sense.

Yet, several times over the past few months I have noticed times when rules were not obeyed. Like the times I've seen military members in uniform without their hats on walk from

parking lots into various buildings on base – such as the Child Development Center and the base exchange. When I called out to them to put their hats on, I got a look and a shrug – or worse. This lack of responsibility in wearing the uniform, and the lack of response to the request to put on their hats, translates to a lack of concern for the oath of office they took when they got commissioned or the oath of enlistment they took when they enlisted. To me, that is a significant problem because they aren't taking the responsibility to follow the rules.

But it doesn't stop there. There are those people – both young and old – who seem to think that because we are at a training base, we are simply an extension of campus life. Campus pranks such as defacing public and private facilities, "appropriating" (also known as stealing) items, and filing

false police reports are seen by those individuals as fun – rather than the crimes that they are.

Fortunately, the number of people who take part in such activities is still small. This gives the rest of us an added responsibility. Those

charged with educating others in formal training must weave the core values into their curriculum to explain why such actions are not acceptable. The rest of us must continue to remind those who are not accepting their responsibility in some way, they are in the Air Force and *must* accept that responsibility and abide by the rules we all have sworn to uphold.

Without each of us, officer or enlisted, stepping up and accepting all parts of our respective oaths, we cannot expect to continue to be the best of the best.

---

***Without each of us, officer or enlisted, stepping up and accepting all parts of our respective oaths, we cannot expect to continue to be the best of the best.***

---

## Aztec Eagles soared in World War II, aided American forces

By Lt. Col. Rene Rendon

47th Contracting Squadron commander

Picture this: Summer 1945. A squadron of P-47 Thunderbolts dive on Japanese positions in the Philippines with bombs and machine guns blazing. Are these our young American men risking their lives in support of democracy? No! These are young Mexican pilots of the Aztec Eagles.

Aztec Eagles was the name of the Fuerza Area Expedicionaria Mexicana (Mexican Air Force) Esquadron 201 (Squadron 201), who fought side by side with American pilots to help defeat the Japanese in the Philippines and bomb Formosa.

In June 1942, German U-boats sank two Mexican tankers, prompting Mexico to declare war against the Axis powers. Mexico's President Manuel Camacho indicated that whenever the Allies required the assistance of Mexico, he would send it. "Not to help the triumph [over dictatorship] would be moral compromise," he said.

Experienced pilots between 19 and 24 years of age made up the Aztec Eagles. These pilots were trained at U.S. Army Air Force bases in Texas and Idaho. The pilots and support personnel, numbering over 300, were formed in Mexico.

On April 30, 1945, Esquadron 201 arrived in Manila. Since

Gen. Douglas MacArthur's Allied Forces occupied only a small part of Luzon, the squadron was assigned as one of the four P-47 squadrons of the U.S. 5th Air Force's 58th Fighter Group. The P-47 was designed as a fighter, but the Japanese air threat over Luzon had disappeared. The 2,500 horsepower "Jug," or Thunderbolt,

armed with eight 50-caliber machine guns and two 1,000-pound bombs strapped under each wing, was put to use as a close-air support weapon. From June 25 through July in Luzon, and later over Formosa, the 201st flew a total of 92 missions.

The 201st bears the honor of being the first and only Mexican fighting force ever to operate outside Mexico. This squadron flew with distinction at the cost of two pilots lost in training and five in the Pacific Theater. At war's end, the Aztec Eagles returned to Mexico City and were given a heroes' welcome and parade. Two pilots earned the United States Military Legion of Merit. All the pilots received the United States Air Medal. The Aztec Eagles also received the Mexican Medal of Valor.

Hispanic Americans all have special ties to the Aztec Eagles of Esquadron 201. All Americans

should be proud of the contributions that Mexico made for America's freedom.

Ole' and Hoorah!



## The *XLer*

**Hometown:** Del Rio, Texas.

**Family:** Cecilia, wife; sons, Rene and Armando Jr.; daughters, Christina and Elizabeth.

**Time at Laughlin:** 27 years.

**Time in service:** 27 years.

**Why did you join the Air Force?** To better myself and further my education.

**Name one way to improve life at Laughlin:** Open a food facility with accommodating hours on Saturdays!

**Greatest accomplishment:** Becoming an annex manager.

**Long-term goals:** To provide better service to our customers.

**Hobbies:** Repairing electronics.

**Favorite food:** Grilled T-bone steak.

**Favorite beverage:** Iced tea.

**Bad habit:** Computers.

**Motto:** Listen to my customers and place their satisfaction first in considerations and actions.

**If you could spend one hour with any person in history, who would it be and why?** My mom, because I miss her.



Photo by Zenaphir Bond

**Armando Herrera**  
Army Air Force Exchange Service

## Chapel Schedule

### Catholic

-Daily Mass 12:05 p.m.

-Saturday Mass 5 p.m.

-Sunday Mass 9:30 a.m.

-Confession 4:15 - 4:45 p.m.

Saturday, or by appointment.

-Choir 6 p.m. Thursdays.

-Sunday school 11 a.m.,  
religious education building.

fellowship hall.

-Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.,  
religious education building.

-Awana, Wednesdays from 6 -  
7:30 p.m.

(For more information on  
AWANA, call Anthony or Nedjra  
Russell at 298-7504).

### Jewish

- Max Stool

219 West Strickland St.

Del Rio, Texas

Phone: 775-4519

### Protestant

-General worship 11 a.m.

-Bible study video luncheon  
11 a.m. Thursday, chapel

*For more information on chapel events and services, call 5111.*



# CDC completes playground renovation

By Senior Airman Mike Hammond  
Editor

Where there was once silence, the sound of carefree laughter now rings out. What once was an empty plot of ground is now a brand new playground on which the children of the Laughlin Child Development Center now play.

When Sherrie McDonald arrived at Laughlin in mid-March to take on the job of CDC director, one of the first things she noticed about the facility was the lack of a playground. The previous playground equipment had been removed because it was deemed unsafe. McDonald said getting a new playground was among her first goals as director.

McDonald found her goal to be within reach on her very first day of work here. “On March 15, we were conducting the final inspection on a new addition to the building,” she said. “Colonel (Dan R.) Goodrich (47th Flying Training Wing commander) asked me what my first goal was for the CDC. I told him that we needed a playground, and he asked me what it would take to make that happen. I told him, ‘Sir, about 30 thousand!’”

McDonald said she was surprised when, a short time later, she got a check signed by Goodrich for \$30,000 – from the commander’s contingency fund. With the finances necessary, she set the process in place, and five months later by mid-August, the playground equipment installation was complete. The center now has two separate play areas with age-appropriate equipment for toddlers and preschoolers.

The director said that in addition to providing the

children a fun place to play, gaining adequate playgrounds eliminates what had been a consistent write-up on inspections. She said the recent Department of Defense certification of the CDC “was a victory for us!”

The improvements haven’t stopped yet, the director added. “With end of year funds, we were able to purchase shade canopies to help keep the children cool while they’re outside playing,” McDonald explained. The canopies will be at a height of 12 feet, and will cover the entire area of both playgrounds. “The canopies are scheduled to be installed by the end of next week, and we also have little clubhouses coming in by the end of October for the youngsters.”

McDonald said the improvements to the CDC could not have been made so quickly without support from above. “In my years of working at various bases in the child development field, I’ve never seen a wing commander as supportive of the CDC as Colonel Goodrich. With planes and maintenance budgets, we’re just not in the same league, funding-wise,” she continued. “But ask any parent what their priority is, and having a happy child who is well cared for will probably top the list.”

“With Colonel and Mrs. Goodrich’s support, we have gotten well on the way to fulfilling our goal to become the best childcare center in Air Education and Training Command.”



Photos by Senior Airman Mike Hammond  
Aaron Wilson and Breanna Wildridge, preschoolers at the CDC, test out the slide on the new playground equipment.



The new preschool playground equipment at the CDC.



Madison Kachel, Isaiah Fields and Anthony Thomas, toddlers at the CDC, “help” caregiver Faith Clark build sand castles in the toddler playground.



## From the Blotter

(47th Security Forces Squadron)



**Sept. 24** – A commissary employee reported damage to a vending machine in the break area. Damage was estimated at \$300.

**Sept. 25** – An active-duty member reported his privately owned vehicle was struck by eggs. There was no permanent damage to the vehicle.

**Sept. 26** – The law enforcement desk received a call of suspicious persons in the housing area. Patrols were unable to find any individuals in the area.

**Sept. 26** – The father of a dependent spouse phoned the security forces to report that his daughter had been assaulted by her husband, an active duty service member. Patrols responded and the service member's first sergeant was called to the scene.

**Sept. 28** – A delivery truck struck an overhead communications line on Second Street. The street was closed off until it was safe for

public use.

**Sept. 29** – A dependent of a retired service member reported her vehicle was+ stolen from the shoppette. An investigation is in progress.

**West gate hours:** The west gate is open weekdays 6:30-8:30 a.m. and 2:00-5:30 p.m. to accommodate rush hour and school hour traffic. Security forces and the 47th Flying Training Wing safety officials encourage base employees to use the west gate during busy hours to avoid congestion at the main gate. The drive from Del Rio to the west gate is 3 miles longer; however, it is often easier to get on base since fewer people use this gate.

**Railroad crossing safety** – Texas Law mandates vehicle operators stop for all warning signals at railroad crossings. Anyone caught trying to beat the train will be cited under Section 545.251 of the Texas motor vehicle code.

## 47th Medical Group

Here are some tips to help stop family violence:

- ♦ Call police immediately if you are aware of a battering in progress.
- ♦ Don't laugh at jokes that involve adults hitting each other – they're not funny any more.
- ♦ Support your local family violence shelter through contributing or volunteering.
- ♦ Tell your local, state and national elected officials that you support strong laws against family violence and you want those laws enforced.

For information about battered women's shelters, battered treatment services, referrals and other family violence services in Texas, call the Texas Abuse Hotline is 1-800-252-5400.

The Amistad Family Violence and Rape Crisis Center offers shelter, counseling groups and information for victims of violence and their children in the local community. The AFVRCC crisis line is 774-2744.



# Statistics show breast cancer fatality rate down

**By Maj. Kerri Wyble**  
*47th Aeromedical Dental Squadron, Health and Wellness Flight commander*

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The latest statistics from the National Cancer Institute show that the breast cancer mortality

rate for all women has declined approximately two percent every year since 1990. This decline is thought to be a result of improvements in detection and the upgrades in treatment of breast cancer. Overall, the risk of breast cancer has remained relatively

stable over the past 10 years; one in eight women will develop breast cancer. However, a woman's chance for survival has improved. Among those diagnosed between 1974 and 1976, about 75 percent were still alive after five years. Among those diagnosed today, the five-year survival rate has jumped to 85 percent overall and 96 percent if detected early. Early detection by regular mammograms in conjunction with annual breast exams and monthly self-exams are the best way to reduce the risk of breast cancer. For more information, contact the Health and Wellness Center at 298-6464, the National Cancer Institute's Cancer Information Service at 1-800-4-CANCER, or the American Cancer Society at 1-800-ACS-2345 and [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org).



Photo by Senior Airman Mike Hammond

Wyble hangs up breast self-exam cards in the ladies locker room at the XL Fitness Center.

## Question of the week

# What does Columbus Day mean to you?



“I don’t think it should be a holiday, necessarily, but I’ll take the day off.”

**Airman Daniel Gutierrez**  
*47th Operations Support*



“It represents everything we work for. It represents freedom, individual choice and acceptance of all people to make the U.S. what it is – a better place.”

**2nd Lt. Jerry Reynolds**  
*47 OSS*



“Christopher Columbus was bold enough to explore the seas and find the other hemisphere of the Earth.”

**Senior Airman Ray Rosa**  
*47th Aeromedical Dental Squadron*



“A day of important significance in our American history.”

**Staff Sgt. Charles Jones**  
*47th Flying Training Wing*



**‘Air show,’ from page 1**

will be a one-second delay in opening between the first and second jumpers – representing approximately 150 feet of vertical separation.

The bomb burst show will be the final pass, where four jumpers exit the aircraft at 10,000 feet. They maneuver their bodies in free fall to join into a four-man star, holding this position until 5,000 feet. At this alti-

tude they will break and move away from each other, the smoke they carry will create a spectacular bomb burst effect.

Anyone interested in details on Air Amistad ’99 is welcome to visit the informative website at [www.laughlin.af.mil](http://www.laughlin.af.mil) or call the Laughlin air show office at (830) 298-4135. Specific points of contact for the air show are listed:

**Air Amistad ‘99 key contacts**

- Maj. Al Shafer** – Coordinator: 298-4135;
- Maj. “Hot Rod” Hamilton** – Air boss: 298-5894;
- Capt. Tony Holmes** – Ground boss: 298-5857;
- Master Sgt. Linda Clark** – Concession booths: 298-5856;
- Jim Teet** – Public affairs: 298-5980;
- Rich Urban** – Ground entertainment: 298-5611.

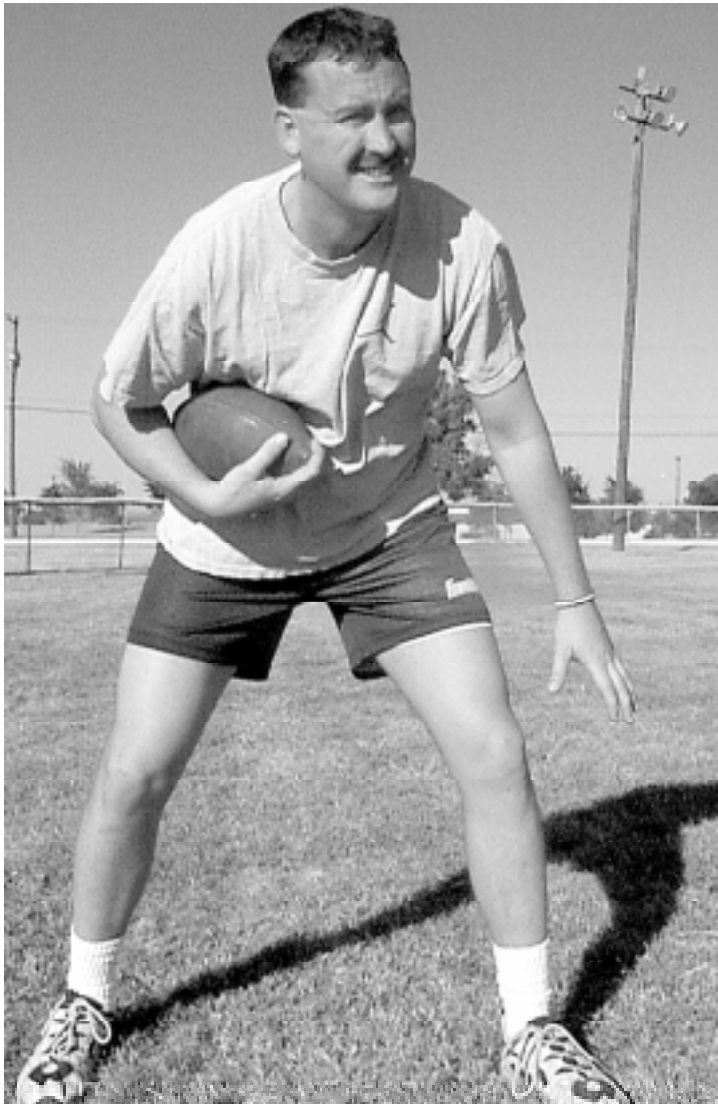


Photo by Airman Brad Pettit

All the way!

Staff Sgt. Eric Linneman, 47th Security Forces Squadron, was selected as the Laughlin Athlete of the Year. This award is given to the person who most actively represents and participates in base sports. Above, Linneman coaches his youth football team, the Jets, on proper ball-handling technique.

## The players' picks for NFL week 5

Each correct pick of weekly matchups earns a player one point, accumulating weekly. The three top players from the first half of the season will compete against the top three from the second half to determine the overall champion at the end of the playoffs. To participate in the second half of the season, contact the **Border Eagle** at 5393 by Oct. 21. This weeks matchups (home teams in bold): ATL – **N.O.**, CHI – **MIN**, CIN – **CLE**, DAL – **PHI**, N.E. – **K.C.**, PIT – **BUF**, S.D. – **DET**, S.F. – **STL**, NYG – **ARI**, BAL – **TEN**, DEN – **OAK**, MIA – **IND**, T.B. – **G.B.** and JAX – **NYJ**

<i>Reggie Woodruff</i>	<i>Mike Hammond</i>	<i>Brad Pettit</i>	<i>Clarence Hardy</i>	<i>RB Robinson</i>	<i>Tony Holmes</i>
ATL	N.O.	N.O.	N.O.	ATL	N.O.
MIN	MIN	MIN	MIN	MIN	MIN
CLE	CLE	CLE	CLE	CIN	CIN
DAL	DAL	DAL	DAL	DAL	DAL
K.C.	K.C.	K.C.	N.E.	N.E.	N.E.
BUF	BUF	BUF	BUF	BUF	BUF
S.D.	DET	S.D.	DET	DET	DET
STL	STL	S.F.	STL	STL	STL
NYG	NYG	NYG	ARI	NYG	ARI
TEN	TEN	TEN	BAL	TEN	TEN
OAK	OAK	OAK	OAK	OAK	OAK
IND	MIA	MIA	MIA	MIA	IND
G.B.	G.B.	G.B.	G.B.	G.B.	G.B.
JAX	JAX	JAX	JAX	NYJ	JAX

## Players' point totals

Mike Hammond – 33      Reggie Woodruff – 26  
*(week 4 winner, 12 pts.)*

Tony Holmes – 30      R.B. Robinson – 24

Clarence Hardy – 27      Brad Pettit – 20



<http://www.af.mil/newspaper>



Classified ads

Base members can advertise, for free, the sale of personal items, pets and homes in the Border Eagles’ free classified ad section.

Home sales must be associated with permanent change of station moves, and ad forms pertaining to homes sales must be signed by the base housing office.

No more than one litter of pets can sold per year – professional breeding for profit is not allowed.

The BE staff is prohibited from running business related ads, including offers of paid employment and the sale of professional products. To place this type of ad in the BE, call the Del Rio News Herald at 775-1551 and ask for “Border Eagle advertisement.”

For questions about this or other BE policies, call 5393 or 5980.

Flu shots available

The 47th Medical Group now has the influenza vaccine in stock. Everyone authorized medical care on base can get the flu shot at the immunization clinic Monday-Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Individuals are reminded to carry their shot records to the clinic. A schedule will be published identifying dates, time and locations for the mobile shot clinic.

Land brief

A representative with Texas Veterans Land Board will conduct a briefing at the Family Support Center Thursday at 9 a.m. Many changes have taken place to the program this year. The briefing should last about one hour and will include time for questions. Attendees must RSVP at 5620 by Wednesday to secure a seat.

Also, a U.S. Customs Service recruiter will be at the FSC Oct. 28 from 1:30-4:30 p.m. The customs service is looking for high-caliber individuals who are ready to make a long-term career commitment to excellence and future growth. RSVPs can be made at 5620 by Oct. 27.

Military pay

Each squadron orderly room/commander’s support staff should maintain Defense Finance and Account Service-Defense Manual 7073-2, Defense Joint Military Pay System - Unit Procedures. This manual provides units with policy and procedures for approving advance military pay, advance housing allowance, subsistence requests, all leave authorizations, clothing allowance and other military pay affecting entitlements.

The U.S. comptroller general ruled federal employees must review their leave and earnings statement to verify correct pay as well as detect errors in payments.

Remission and waiver requests have been denied members who were overpaid – they were found partially responsible for errors apparent on the LES. Members should contact finance immediately whenever an error is discovered and should ensure they finance has their correct mailing address.

For more information, call finance customer service at 5215.

Murder mystery

The Officer Spouse Club will have a “Murder Mystery” 6:30 p.m Oct. 19 at Club XL. Social will begin at 6:30 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m.

Reservations are needed by Oct. 18. If your last name starts A-L, call Theresa Reneau at 298-1206. If you name starts M-Z, call Stacey Lilley at 768-2690.

Visual information customers

Effective Oct. 1, a visual information monitor’s signature is no longer required on Air Force Form 833 work orders.

Video teleconference gives base military and Department of Defense personnel the capability to set up meetings and conferences with their colleagues throughout Air Education and Training Command, while saving time, money and energy on temporary duty. The video teleconference system is located in the wing headquarters building (338). Each squadron has an assigned VTC monitor trained in the operation of the system.

The visual information contractor is Texas Management Associates. Method of surveillance for VI is customer complaint. All complaints will be turned into the quality assurance evaluator or functional area chief.

If you would like to schedule a VTC or have any questions about VI, call George McKnight at 5177.

Position available

Positions are available at Wright Patterson Air Force Base, OH and in the Washington, D.C. area for enlisted aides. People with culinary experience are desired; however, those with a “can-do” attitude and the ability to interact with senior officers may qualify.

Applicants must be second term/career airmen in the grade of senior airman and above. First term airmen and selective reenlistment bonus recipients are not eligible to apply.

If interested, contact 2nd Lt. Shannon Peeler at 5487.

Travel approval

The Traffic Management Office is responsible for making travel arrangements for Air Force personnel when travel orders authorize travel and transportation. A member may not be reimbursed for personally-procured transportation when specific transportation is directed by Joint Federal Travel Regulation U3110.

Orders issuing and approval officials should tell official travelers to report to TMO to arrange their travel per Air Force Instruction 24-101.

For more information, call 5203.

Recycling, refuse

The method of surveillance for refuse and recycling service for base housing and mobile home resident is customer complaint. Here are other recycling center notes:

■ the base recycles scrap metal, insulated wire, aluminum, tin cans, plastics one and two, glass, newspaper, commissary bags, magazines, cardboard and junk mail. These items should not go into the trash.

■ the recycling center has free scrap wood available for wood crafting or other projects.

■ styrofoam packing peanuts can be dropped off at Mail Boxes Etc., 1801 Avenue F. MBE will reuse the peanuts inside parcels they send out. This a great way to recycle and keep styrofoam out of the trash.

The recycling center, building 2018, is open 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

For more information, call 5247.

Volunteers

The Black Heritage Committee is seeking volunteers to help restore the Black Seminole Indian cemetery at Bracketville Oct. 16.

There are four Congressional Medal of Honor winners, Buffalo Soldiers, Korean and Vietnam veterans, as well as Black Seminole Indian scouts and their families buried there.

Descendants in the area are responsible for the upkeep of the cemetery, but they need help. The grass needs cutting, headstones need cleaning and debris needs to be cleared.

Volunteers should bring any lawn tools they have. Water and soft drinks will be provided, and if there are enough people, a lunch will be provided on Fort Clark. The meeting place is the parking lot behind the education office, building 316, at 9 a.m. Oct. 16.

For more information, call Eddie Adams at 4726.

Charge card training

Initial training for primary and alternate government travel charge card account program coordinators will be Oct. 22 at the education office, in the computer lab. There will be two sessions: 8-10 a.m. and 2-4 p.m.

For more information on training or general questions about travel charge cards, call 5203.

Laughlin 1999 Combined Federal Campaign

(Progress by organization)

